

to the public of the value of these seats restraints for little children, and if through the bill and by making it mandatory and if a few people do get stopped and they start talking about it and you save some lives, it is well worth it. I, too, am concerned about the high cost of living but I think this is a cost of living we can all afford, especially if it ever happens to a youngster in your own family and you realize that their life could have been saved or as Senator Marsh pointed out that they could have led a much fuller life having not suffered brain damage through an accident. So this is one Senator that isn't afraid to admit I was wrong for two years and switch and say, you finally convinced me, Senator Marsh. I never did vote against the bill because I thought the cost was too great. I always felt that it was not enforceable but then when I realize how many other laws are not enforceable why should that be any argument against this one. So I think it is a good bill. I think it will be a good law. I think it will go a long way to educate the public as to a need that is going to be served with this. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Sieck.

SENATOR SIECK: Mr. President and members of the body, I supported this bill two years ago, and because of the fact that it is going to save the State of Nebraska many dollars in the long run. Anytime you have a brain injury, it is going to cost the state money and I feel we just need to save a couple. And as far as the Highway Patrol, I talked to my son and he said, you need to support this bill. He must of viewed an accident where there was small children involved because he was very much in favor of trying to have something come up of this type. He said it is so important that the children are in their seat belts. So, again, I support the bill.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Hoagland.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Mr. President and colleagues, I would also like to rise in support of the bill. One thing that separates me from most of the members of the body is that this would actually apply to me and my wife and our family. We have a two and a half year old daughter, a five month old daughter, and we use these seats regularly principally because my wife feels so strongly about it, and we have both kinds of seats, you know. We have the infant seat where the baby faces backwards and we lug our baby around in that and we use it inside the house during the day, and then we have the older seats for kids that I think, oh, are over 22 pounds that faces forward. We even have one of those things that